

or its discrimination. That is what South Africa is saying. At least countries that do it by extra legal means are saying, ya, we know what the ideal should be. We know we are wrong. We won't admit it on the face of our legal documents. We will just quietly do it the other way anyway. In the one case you have the unrepentent sinner. In the other case at least the sinner acknowledges the wrong. But to me the situation in South Africa is worse than a dictatorship situation because at least in a dictatorship situation if you want to play the game you can try to work your way up through the corrupted systems that exist in those kinds of countries but at least you are not completely closed out. And it is worse than communism or a communistic society because if you are willing to be a communist, if you are willing to think that way or at least hide your true feelings, you can even work your way up the communist system in some sort of quasi democratic way. Not so in South Africa. When the Puritans first came to America, one of their great writers talked about the new American society as the City Upon The Hill, that is, a new nation of people who were going to be an example to the world and I think that in a sense we are a chosen people, not chosen by God to dominate others, but chosen by our forefathers to help lead the world to a fair and safer world of equal opportunity and I hope that we are not just a chosen people but that we are a choosing people. I hope that each and every American of this generation is equally committed to the original ideals of this nation and I think that LB 553 can be a meaningful and an intelligent expression of those ancient ideals. I think it can be a signal to South Africa, not a self-righteous jab asserting that we are better. We have had our problems. We all know it despite the reenforcement of our ancestral ideals moving in the right direction ourselves but a prodding gentle pushing saying come along. That is the idealistic part of the expression and the answer to that supposedly is the realistic expression. The realistic expression speaks from the stomach. It says we need trade with South Africa. It says we can't risk even the smallest risk with our pension funds.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.